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TO AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR PRIORITY

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SUBJECT:MISS UNIVERSE CONTEST-AIRLINE SEAT REQUEST

REF: SAN SALVADOR 1850

1. THE CAB RECEIVED A LETTER DATED MARCH 26 FROM SALVADORAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S., BERTRAND GALINDO, REQUESTING EXEMPTION FROM CAB REGULATIONS TO PERMIT THE RELEASE OF 200 FREE TICKETS (ADDITIONAL TO EL SALVADOR'S ORDINARY 1975 ALLOTMENT OF 200 SEATS) TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR MISS UNIVERSE PAGEANT CONTESTANTS, TRAVEL AGENTS, TRAVEL WRITERS, TOUR OPERATORS AND MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES. CAB BOARD CHAIRMAN JOHN ROBSON, REPLIED ON MAY 2 STATING BOARD WOULD GRANT AUTHORIZATIONS FOR TRAVEL AGENTS, TRAVEL WRITERS, TOUR OPERATORS AND MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES (UPON RECEIPT OF APPLICATION FROM APPROPRIATE AIR CARRIER), BUT COULD NOT GRANT AUTHORIZATION FOR CONTESTANTS. THE REASON GIVEN WAS THAT MISS UNIVERSE PAGEANT CANDIDATES ARE NOT AMONG THE

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BERTRAND'S AND ROBSON'S LETTERS ARE BEING POUCHED.

2. CAB DECISION WAS BASED ON SECTION 403(B) OF THE FEDERAL

AVIATION ACT AND APPLICABLE CAB REGULATIONS.

3. THE CAB HAS NEVER APPROVED FREE AND REDUCED RATE TRANSPORTATION FOR ANY PREVIOUS MISS UNIVERSE PAGEANT OR ANY SIMILAR VENTURE. IT HAS DENIED NUMEROUS SIMILAR REQUESTS SUCH AS FOR THE FREE TRANSPORT OF ATHLETIC TEAMS TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL GAMES, AND FOR THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION OF GROUPS HAVING ONLY AN INDIRECT CONNECTION WITH TRAVEL PROMOTION.

4. AT THE REQUEST OF SALVADORAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, WE HAVE SCHEDULED AN APPOINTMENT OFFOR ROBERTO POMA, DIRECTOR OF THE SALVADORAN TOURIST INSTITUTE WITH CAB OFFICIALS ON THURSDAY, MAY 15. KISSINGER

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